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Identical letters dated 10 November 2016 from the Permanent Representative of the Syrian Arab Republic to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council

On instructions from my Government, I should like to convey to you the following important information:

The Government of the Israeli occupiers has continued its acts of aggression against the territory of the Syrian Arab Republic in support of its allied armed terrorist groups, which have been listed by the Security Council as terrorist organizations, including, in particular, the Nusrah Front. In the afternoon of Wednesday, 9 November 2016, Israeli aircraft brazenly attacked Syrian military position in the countryside of Qunaytirah governorate, causing material damage. The Security Council and the States Members of the United Nations should note, in particular, that this Israeli act of aggression was carried out in order to support armed terrorist groups that were attempting a widespread attack against the town of Hadar and its environs in the Qunaytirah countryside. Although those terrorist groups failed miserably in achieving any of their goals, the attack nonetheless killed nine innocent civilians and injured many of the town's residents, some of whom sustained serious injuries.

This fresh Israeli attack against the territory of the Syrian Arab Republic is a blatant violation of the Disengagement of Forces Agreement that was concluded in 1974 and a direct threat to regional security and peace. This attack also reveals the true face of the Israeli Government, which provides all forms of unlimited support to armed terrorist groups, particularly the Nusrah Front, and does so unabashedly before the entire world and without fear of punishment.

Syria calls on the Security Council and the States Members of the United Nations to condemn this act of aggression and put pressure on Israel to halt its support of armed terrorist groups and to respect the Disengagement of Forces Agreement and abide by its provisions.

Over the past few days, including Wednesday, 9 November 2016, the Nusrah Front and affiliated terrorist organizations, particularly the Nur al-Din Zanki movement, which is backed by the Turkish regime, fired rockets and so-called hell fire cannons at the Aleppo University campus, which houses many refugees and university students. This attack killed six civilians and injured 20 others, all of

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whom were students or civilians who had been displaced by the crimes committed by the terrorists and forced to take shelter in the campus.

Yesterday, a number of persons were killed and wounded in the village of Fu'a when it was attacked by the Army of Conquest, which has laid siege to the towns of Fu'a and Kafraya for more than two years and to which the United Nations has not been able to deliver food assistance, a situation that has been completely ignored by certain permanent and non-permanent members of the Security Council. In addition, the so-called Army of Islam terrorist organization, which is backed by Saudi Arabia and its Wahhabist regime, fired mortar shells at the environs of the city of Harasta in eastern Rif Dimashq, killing one person and injuring three others, and causing heavy material damage to the property of civilians and their sources of livelihood.

As we have stressed in our previous identical letters, the terrorist nature of these organizations is demonstrated by the crimes that the armed terrorist groups have committed against innocent civilians in Aleppo and their use of its residents as human shields; the repeated attacks against western Aleppo, Kafraya and Fu'a that are being carried out by the so-called Army of Conquest, of which the Nusrah Front constitutes the largest component; and the crimes that were committed by the Nusrah Front and affiliated organizations when they attacked the town of Hadar in the Qunaytirah countryside, killing nine persons and injuring many others. These terrorist organizations are funded, armed and given shelter by the Wahhabist regime of Saudi Arabia and the Qatari and Turkish regimes, and receive encouragement, unfortunately, from the Governments of Security Council member States, such as Britain, France and the United States. In one day alone, terrorist attacks directed against Syrians took the lives of 17 civilians and injured 27 innocent children, women and disabled persons. Yet the above-mentioned States, which trumpet how civilized they are and how much they respect human rights, did not utter a word of condolence in response to those attacks.

The Government of the Syrian Arab Republic underscores that the terrorist killing machine that is targeting the children, women and elderly of Syria will not be stopped until the foreign support for terrorism provided by those States that are hostile to Syria is halted. Syria stresses that the fundamental battle, the one in which all sincere actors around the world must be engaged, is the battle against the terrorism perpetrated by Islamic State in Iraq and the Levant, the Nusrah Front and associated terrorist organizations. The threat that those organizations pose will not be confined to Iraq, Syria and certain other States of the region, but will spread to the rest of the States in the region and then throughout the world.

I should be grateful if the present letter could be issued as a document of the Security Council.

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